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A combination of honest men would endeavour to extirpate all the profligate immoral retainers to each side, that have nothing to recommend them but an implicit submission to their leaders.

*Addison's Spectator.*  
To RETAKE. *v. a.* [*re* and *take*.] To take again.

A day should be appointed, when the remonstrance should be taken into consideration.

To RETALIATE. *v. a.* [*re* and *talio*, Lat.] To return by giving like for like; to repay; to requite.

It is very unlucky, to be obliged to retaliate the injuries of authors, whose works are so soon forgotten, that we are in danger of appearing the first aggressors.

If a first minister of state had used me as you have done, retaliating would be thought a mark of courage.

RETALIATION. *n. f.* [from *retaliare*.] Retalial; return of like for like.

They thought it no irreligion to prosecute the severest retaliation or revenge; so that at the same time their outward man might be a saint, and their inward man a devil.

God, graciously becoming our debtor, takes what is done to others as done to himself, and by promise obliges himself to full retaliation.

To RETARD. *v. a.* [*retardo*, Lat. *retardare*, Fr.] To hinder; to obstruct in swiftness of course.

How Iphitus with me, and Pelias  
Slowly retire; the one retarded was  
By feeble age, the other by a wound.

To delay; to put off.

Nor kings nor nations  
One moment can retard th' appointed hour.

It is as natural to delay a letter at such a season, as to retard a melancholy visit to a person one cannot relieve.

To RETARD. *v. n.* To stay back.

Some years it hath also retarded, and come far later, than usually it was expected.

RETARDATION. *n. f.* [*retardation*, Fr. from *retard*.] Hindrance; the act of delaying.

Out of this a man may devise the means of altering the colour of birds, and the retardation of hoary hairs.

RETARDER. *n. f.* [from *retard*.] Hinderer; obstructer.

This disputing way of enquiry, is so far from advancing science, that it is no inconsiderable retarder.

To RETARD. *v. n.* [*retardare*, Lat. *retardare*, Fr.] To force up something from the stomach.

RETCHLESS. *adj.* [sometimes written *wretchless*, properly *wretchless*.] Careless.

He struggles into breath, and cries for aid;  
Then helpless in his mother's lap is laid.

He creeps, he walks, and issuing into man,  
Grudges their life, from whence his own began;

Retchless of laws, affects to rule alone.

RETENTION. *n. f.* [*retentio*, Lat.] The act of discovering to the view.

This is rather a restoration of a body to its own colour, or a retention of its native colour, than a change.

RETENTION. *n. f.* [*retentio*, Fr. *retentio*, from *retentus*, Lat.] 1. The act of retaining.

No woman's heart  
So big to hold so much; they lack retention.

A forward retention of custom is as turbulent a thing, as an innovation; and they, that reverence too much old things, are but a scorn to the new.

Retention and retentive faculty is that state of contraction in the solid parts, which makes them hold fast their proper contents.

Memory.

The backward learner makes amends another way, expiating his want of docility with a deeper and a more rooted retention.

Retention is the keeping of those simple ideas, which from sensation or reflection the mind hath received.

Limitation.

His life I gave him, and did thereto add  
My love without retention or restraint;

All his.

Custody; confinement; restraint.

I sent the old and miserable king  
To some retention and appointed guard.

RETENTIVE. *adj.* [*retentus*, Lat. *retentivus*, Fr.] 1. Having the power of retention.

It keepeth sermons in memory, and doth in that respect, although not feed the soul of man, yet help the retentive force of that stomach of the mind.

Have I been ever free, and must my house  
Be my retentive enemy, my goal?

From retentive cage  
When fullen Philomel escapes, her notes  
She varies, and of past imprisonment  
Sweetly complains.

In Tutaniam fields the brethren with amaze  
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2. Having memory.

To remember a song or tune, our souls must be an harmony continually running over in a silent whisper those musical accents, which our retentive faculty is preserver of.

RETENTIVENESS. *n. f.* [from *retentivus*.] Having the quality of retention.

RETICENCE. *n. f.* [*reticence*, Fr. *reticentia*, from *retico*, Lat.] Concealment by silence.

RETICLE. *n. f.* [*reticulum*, Lat.] A small net.

RETICULAR. *adj.* [from *reticulum*, Lat.] Having the form of a small net.

RETICULATED. *adj.* [*reticulatus*, Lat.] Made of network, formed with interstitial vacuities.

The intervals of the cavities, rising a little, make a pretty kind of reticulated work.

RETIFORM. *adj.* [*retiformis*, Lat.] Having the form of a net.

The uveous coat and inside of the choroides are blackened, that the rays may not be reflected backwards to confound the sight; and if any be by the retiform coat reflected, they are soon choked in the black inside of the uvea.

RETINUE. *n. f.* [*retinens*, Fr.] A number attending upon a principal person; a train; a meiny.

Not only this your all licens'd fool,  
But other of your insolent retinues,

Do hourly carp and quarrel.

What followers, what retinue can't thou gain,  
Or at thy heels the dizzy multitude,

Longer than thou canst feed them on thy cost?

There appears  
The long retinue of a prosperous reign,

A series of successful years.

Neither pomp nor retinue shall be able to divert the great, nor shall the rich be relieved by the multitude of his retainers.

To RETIRE. *v. n.* [*retire*, Fr.] 1. To retreat; to withdraw; to go to a place of privacy.

The mind contracts herself, and shrinketh in,  
And to herself she gladly doth retire.

The less I may be blest with her company, the more I will retire to God and my own heart.

Thou open't widow's way,  
And giv'st access, though secret she retire.

The parliament dissolved, and gentlemen charged to retire to their country habitations.

2. To retreat from danger.

Set up the standard towards Zion, retire, stay not.

Set Uriah in the fore front of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may die.

From each hand with speed retir'd.

Where erst was thickest th' angelic throng.

3. To go from a publick station.

He, that had driven many out of their country, perished in a strange land, retiring to the Lacedaemonians.

4. To go off from company.

The old fellow skuttled out of the room, and retired.

To RETIRE. *v. a.* To withdraw; to take away.

He brake up his court, and retired himself, his wife, and children into a forest thereby.

They, full of rage, retired themselves into this castle.

He, our hope, might have retir'd his power,  
And driven into despair an enemy's hate.

Thence retire me to my Milan.

There may be as great a variety in retiring and withdrawing men's conceits in the world, as in obtruding them.

As when the sun is present all the year,  
And never doth retire his golden ray,

Needs must the spring be everlasting there,  
And every season like the month of May.

These actions in her closet, all alone,  
Retir'd within herself, she doth fulfill.

After some flight skirmishes, he retired himself into the castle of Farnham.

Hydra-like, the fire  
Lifts up his hundred heads to aim his way;

And scarce the wealthy can one half retire,  
Before he rushes in to share the prey.

RETIRE. *n. f.* [from the verb.] 1. Retreat; recession.

I heard his praises in pursuit,  
But ne'er, till now, his scandal of retire.

Thou hast talk'd  
Of fallies and retires, of trenches, tents.

The battle and the retire of the English succours were the causes of the loss of that dutchy.

2. Retirement; place of privacy. Not in use.

Eve, who unseen  
Discover'd soon the place of her retire.

RETIRE. *part. adj.* [from *retire*.] Secret; private.

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Some, accustomed to retired speculations, ruin natural philosophy into metaphysical notions and the abstract generalities of logic.

He was admitted into the most secret and retired thoughts and counsels of his royal master king William.

RETIRE. *n. f.* [from *retire*.] Solitude; privacy; secrecy.

Like one, who in her third widowhood doth profess  
Herself a nun, ty'd to retiredness,

So affects my muse now a chaste fallowness.

How could he have the leisure and retir'dness of the cloister, to perform all those acts of devotion in, when the burthen of the reformation lay upon his shoulders?

RETIREMENT. *n. f.* [from *retire*.] 1. Private abode; secret habitation.

My retirement there tempted me to divert those melancholy thoughts.

Caprea had been the retirement of Augustus for some time, and the residence of Tiberius for many years.

2. Private way of life.

An elegant sufficiency, content,  
Retirement, rural quiet, friendship, books,  
Progressive virtue, and approving heaven.

3. Act of withdrawing.

Short retirement urges sweet return.

In this retirement of the mind from the senses, it retains a yet more incoherent manner of thinking, which we call dreaming.

RETOLD. *part. pass.* of *retell*. Related or told again.

Whatever Harry Percy then had said  
At such a time, with all the rest retold,  
May reasonably die.

Upon his dead corpse there was such misuse  
By those Welchwomen done, as may not be  
Without much shame retold or spoken of.

To RETORT. *v. a.* [*retortus*, Lat.] 1. To throw back.

His virtues, shining upon others,  
Heat them, and they retort that heat again

To the first giver.

He pass'd through hostile front  
And with retorted scorn his back he turn'd.

2. To return any argument, censure, or incivility.

His proof will easily be retorted, and the contrary proved, by interrogating; shall the adulterer inherit the kingdom of God? if he shall, what need I, that am now exhorted to reform my life, reform it? if he shall not, then certainly I, that am such, am none of the elect; for all, that are elect, shall certainly inherit the kingdom of God.

What if toy son  
Prove disobedient, and prov'd, retort,  
Wherefore didst thou beget me?

The respondent may shew, how the opponent's argument may be retorted against himself.

3. To curve back.

It would be tried how the voice will be carried in an horn, which is a line arched; or in a trumpet, which is a line retorted; or in some pipe that were sinuous.

RETORT. *n. f.* [*retortus*, Fr. *retortus*, Lat.] 1. A censure of incivility returned.

I said his beard was not cut well, he was in the mind it was: this is called the retort courteous.

2. A chymical glass vessel with a bent neck to which the receiver is fitted.

Recent urine distilled yields a limpid water; and what remains at the bottom of the retort, is not acid nor alkaline.

RETORTER. *n. f.* [from *retort*.] One that retorts.

RETORTION. *n. f.* [from *retort*.] The act of retorting.

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of fertility, which contributed so much to their miscarriage; was retracted and cut off.

RETRACTATION. *n. f.* [*retractatio*, Fr. *retractatio*, Lat.] Recantation; change of opinion.

These words are David's retractation, or laying down of a bloody and revengeful resolution.

RETRACTION. *n. f.* [from *retract*.] 1. Act of withdrawing something advanced.

They make bold with the deity, when they make him do and undo, go forward and backwards by such countermarches and retractions, as we do not repute to the Almighty.

2. Recantation; declaration of change of opinion.

There came into her head certain verses, which if she had had present commodity, she would have adjoined as a retraction to the other.

3. Act of withdrawing a claim.

Other men's insatiable desire of revenge hath wholly beguiled both church and state, of the benefit of all my either retractions or concessions.

RETRACT. *n. f.* [*retract*, Fr.] 1. Retreat. Obsolete.

The earl of Lincoln, deceived of the country's concourse unto him, and seeing the business past retreat, resolved to make on where the king was, and give him battle.

2. [Retrait, Fr. *retrait*, Italian.] A cast of the countenance, Obsolete.

Upon her eyelids many graces sat,  
Under the shadow of her even brows,  
Working bellgards and amorous retraits,  
And every one her with a grace endows.

RETRACT. *n. f.* [*retrait*, Fr.] 1. Place of privacy; retirement.

He built his son a house of pleasure, and spared no cost to make a delicious retreat.

2. Place of security.

This place our dungeon, not our safe retreat,  
Beyond his potent arm.

That pleasing shade they fought, a soft retreat  
From sudden April showers, a shelter from the heat.

There is no such way to give defence to absurd doctrines, as to guard them round with legions of obscure and undefined words, which yet make these retreats more like the dens of robbers, than the fortresses of fair warriors.

3. Act of retiring before a superior force.

Honourable retreats are no ways inferior to brave charges; as having less of fortune, more of discipline, and as much of valour.

To RETREAT. *v. n.* [from the noun.] 1. To go to a private abode.

Others more mild  
Retreated in a silent valley, sing  
Their own heroic deeds.

2. To take shelter; to go to a place of security.

3. To retire from a superior enemy.

4. To go out of the former place.

The rapid currents drive  
Towards the retreating sea their furious tide.

My subject does not oblige me to look after the water, or point forth the place whereunto it is now retreated.

Having taken her by the hand, he retreated with his eye fixed upon her.